

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Statement of Subjects Discussed in the Representative Assembly.

ORDER No. P. 1939-99—R. A. 19-24-3, DATED 11TH OCTOBER 1924.

In order to enable Members of the Representative Assembly to know what subjects have been brought up before the Representative Assembly and how they have been disposed of, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that a statement containing a summary of the subjects discussed in the Representative Assembly and showing their disposal be prepared every year and copies thereof supplied to all the Members.

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REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Administration Report of the Sericultural Department.

READ—

Sericultural Department Administration Report for the year ending 1923-24 received with letter No. Per. 27, dated the 27th August 1924, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore.

ORDER No. I. C. 2611-67—A. & E. 89-24-4, DATED CAMP MYSORE,
12TH OCTOBER 1924.

Recorded.

2. The record of the department during the year was one of steady and satisfactory progress. Despite the unfavourable seasonal conditions due to insufficient rainfall, the department was able to expand its activities. A beginning was made in several new places in Hassan, Mysore, Chitaldrug, Tumkur, Kolar and Bangalore Districts. The agricultural population are apparently beginning to realise the advantages of mulberry cultivation in seasons of drought and the larger profits which it yields as compared with ordinary kinds of cultivation. The area under the mulberry crop, in the old as well as new areas, is reported to have increased by more than 2,000 acres. The staff of the Department helped at every stage of the operations and withdrew only after two or three successful rearings.

3. *Education.*—Although there was no regular school course, facilities were afforded at the headquarter stations for training students, and they were availed of to a large extent not only by people of the State, but also by the neighbouring administrations of Coorg and Hyderabad.

In view of the importance of the industry, Government have already given it specific representation in the Representative Assembly and in the Economic Conference.

4. *Seed Supply.*—The grainages at Mysore, Kolar, Kunigal and Channapatna supplied 2,40,901 layings and the aided rearers at Bidadi and Kempanahalli, 70 lakhs of seed cocoons. Though new races could not be introduced on a large scale owing to unsuitable conditions, the results of their rearing on the farm and with the selected rearers confirmed their relative superiority.

5. *Demonstrations.*—Demonstrations were as usual organised in connection with jattras and fairs. With a view to improve domestic reeling, a unit was imported from Lyons and sent round for demonstration at selected places. In the light of criticisms offered by the rearers who took a keen interest in the working of the unit and as a result of departmental study, an improved type of domestic basin has been designed and this has to be tested after a working model is constructed. The proposals for improving indigenous reeling and decentralisation of work in the Filature at Mysore have been since sanctioned in Government Order No. I. C. 1839-40—A. & E. 229-23-4, dated the 11th September 1924.

6. *Experiments.*—The breeding work which Mr. Yonemura started, was after his departure in September 1923, continued at the Channapatna and Mysore Farms with satisfactory results. The experiments conducted in these farms confirmed the superiority of the new races and showed that on the whole F1 hybrids obtained by back crossing with Mysore were easier to rear and gave more uniform results than the fixed races. Manurial experiments were also carried out in co-operation with the Agricultural Chemist.

7. The Filature is reported to be steadily improving in efficiency and the cost of reeling excluding the value of raw material has been steadily reduced. The Filature has nevertheless had to contend against adverse circumstances such as increased price of cocoons and the wide fluctuations of continental exchanges. The total output during the year was 3,393 lbs. of silk and 2,364 lbs. of waste. The working of the Filature during the year resulted in a net profit of Rs. 5,366-8-2.

8. *Co-operation.*—A scheme of sericultural co-operation is reported to have been prepared and a type of society suited to the industry tentatively outlined. The report shows that even the places where such societies are to be started have been selected. Government desire that the matter should be pursued with promptness and vigour so that the arrangements for the development of this useful industry may be put on a satisfactory basis as soon as possible.

9. *Expenditure and Receipts.*—The expenditure and receipts of the department excluding the Filature were Rs. 71,745-11-6 and Rs. 7,071-8-9 respectively.

10. *General.*—A text-book on rearing being the 1st Part of a Treatise on Sericulture was prepared for publication. A fairly representative collection of exhibits was sent to the British Empire Exhibition.

11. Government note with appreciation the satisfactory progress made by the department in the development of Sericulture during the year under report.

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